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This is a decision on the PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(C)) filed March 24, 2010. This petition was filed by a patent practitioner of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

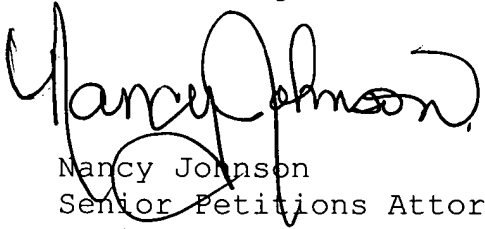
The patent issued July 12, 2005. The grace period for paying the first maintenance fee provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e) expired at midnight on July 12, 2009, with no payment received.

The petition was timely filed within twenty-four months after the expiration of the six-month grace period. As required, petitioner submitted with the petition the required maintenance fee, the surcharge for accepting an unintentionally delayed maintenance fee after expiration, and a statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The application file is being returned to Files Repository for storage as a patented case.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Johnson".

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